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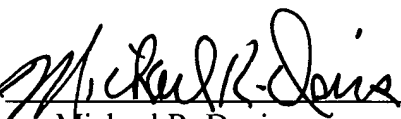
Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) concurrently herewith, in lieu of responding to the Office Action of April 29, 2003.

Claim 1 has been amended to restrict the scope of the film to be laminated to the biaxially oriented film, based on the disclosure at page 11, lines 3-10 of the specification.

Considering the Examiner's comments in item 5 on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, Applicants take the position that the presently claimed invention is clearly patentable over the El-Afandi et al. reference, alone or combined with the Mennella reference.

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